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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S INTEREST IN PRESIDENT'S INVITATION

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1. WHEN I ACCOMPANIED SENATOR JOHN SHERMAN COOPER ON A CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER YESTERDAY, MR. DESAI SPOKE TO ME ABOUT HIS INVITATION FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO VISIT THE USA AND MADE A POINT OF HIS HOPE THAT THIC COULD OCCUR BEFORE THE END OF OCTOBER. HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE OUT OF INDIA WHEN PARLIAMENT RESUMES IN NOVEMBER NOR DOES HE WANT TO FACE OUR WINTER WEATHER. I INFORMED HIM THAT WE WERE EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVED THE PRESIDENT ALREADY HAD A HEAVY SCHEDULE FOR THIS FALL.

2. THE PM ALSO HAS AN INVITATION TO MOSCOW FROM BREZHNEV I SUSPECT THAT FOR SYMBOLIC AS WELL AS PERSONAL REASONS HE WANTS A WASHINGTON VISIT TO PRECEDE A MOSCOW VISIT.

3. AT THE CLOSE OF THIS MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER VOLUNTEERED THAT I SHOULD NOT HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM DIRECTLY EITHER IN PERSON OR BY PHONE ON ANY MATTERS THAT I MIGHT WISH TO BRING TO HIS ATTENTION. I TAKE THIS AS ANOTHER SIGN OF HIS SENSE OF RAPPORT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE
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CARTER ADMINISTRATION, WHICH DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER EXPRESSED SO WELL DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO NEW DELHI
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